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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News contains the Statewide results of the December Cattle on Feed Survey.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

Vince Matthews
Director

Idaho Cattle on Feed

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on December 1, 2009 totaled 215,000 head. The cattle on feed inventory was up 2 percent from the previous month but down 4 percent from December 1, 2008. Placements of cattle in feedlots in Idaho with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 45,000 head, down 20,000 head from November 2008 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during November totaled 39,000 head, down 10,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 during November 2009.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2009. The inventory was 1 percent below December 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.85 million, 8 percent below 2008. For the month of November, placements were the second lowest since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.78 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 510,000, 600-699 pounds were 565,000, 700-799 pounds were 395,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 375,000. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.63 million, 4 percent above 2008. For the month of November, fed cattle marketings were the third lowest since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 66,000 during November, 1 percent below 2008.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots¹

State	December 1, 2008	November 1, 2009	December 1, 2009		
			Number	As % of 2008	As % of Nov
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	359	279	282	79	101
California	495	470	465	94	99
Colorado	1,010	1,040	1,060	105	102
Idaho	225	210	215	96	102
Iowa	500	540	560	112	104
Kansas	2,310	2,330	2,330	101	100
Nebraska	2,380	2,400	2,410	101	100
New Mexico	168	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	335	375	375	112	100
South Dakota	220	205	235	107	115
Texas	2,810	2,730	2,760	98	101
Washington	169	155	172	102	111
Other States	365	400	418	(X)	105
United States	11,346	11,134	11,282	99	101

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. (X) Comparison to 2008 is not applicable. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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